

Dear Colleague,

We are writing to invite you to a marsh dieback workshop which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, February 3-4 at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah. The purpose of the workshop is to bring investigators from Georgia and Louisiana together to share observations regarding salt marsh dieback in both areas. Workshop participants will be charged with 1. comparing and contrasting the two situations (are they caused by the same thing?); 2. making recommendations for consistent/idealized methodologies; and 3. suggesting possible avenues for future comparative research.

The Georgia Coastal Research Council is organizing the event, which has been funded through the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Sea Grant, Louisiana Sea Grant, the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve (Coastal Training Program), and the University of Georgia (School of Marine Programs). For more information on the marsh dieback situation in Georgia, please visit the Research Council web site (www.marsci.uga.edu/coastalcouncil/).

A draft schedule for the workshop is attached, along with both a registration form and a research summary form. We would appreciate it if you could fill out the research summary regardless of whether you will be able to attend the meeting, as we'd like to distribute this information at the workshop.

Thanks, and we hope to see you in February.

Sincerely,
Merryl Alber and Janice Flory